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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS CAPACITY INCREASE

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN NEW SCHEDULES
FROM PAN AM LOCAL REP AND TRANSMIT THEM TO GOV
WITH NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

"...AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THAT THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE
PROVISIONS OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED,
AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
SUBPARAGRAPHS 3(C), (D) AND (E) OF THE MEMORANDUM
OF CONSULTATION OF DECEMBER 21, 1971, RELATING TO
AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA,
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HAS REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED CAPACITY INCREASES
BY PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS AND FINDS THEM
JUSTIFIED BY THE MARKET AT THIS TIME AND IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT AND SUBPARAGRAPH 3(D) OF THE MEMORANDUM
OF CONSULTATION.

"EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 1978 FIVE WEEKLY ROUNDTRIP FREQUENCIES, UTILIZING B-747 EQUIPMENT, WOULD BE OPERATED OVER THE ROUTE: SAN FRANCISCO/LOS ANGELES-

GUATEMALA-CARACAS. THERE ARE PRESENTLY FOUR WEEKLY, ROUNDTRIP 747 FREQUENCIES IN THE CALIFORNIA-CARACAS MARKET, THREE OF WHICH OPERATE VIA GUATEMALA, AND ONE NON-STOP TO CARACAS.

"EFFECTIVE JULY 22, 1978, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED: A B-747 AIRCRAFT WOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A B-707 ON ONE OF THE SEVEN WEEKLY ROUNDTRIP FREQUENCIES BEING OPERATED BETWEEN NEW YORK AND CARACAS; AND ONE WEEKLY ROUNDTRIP B-747 FREQUENCY WOULD BE ADDED BETWEEN MIAMI AND CARACAS FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT FREQUENCIES IN THAT MARKET.

"NEW SCHEDULES REFLECTING THIS CHANGE ARE ENCLOSED FOR THE VENEZUELAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES."

2. FYI. PAN AM HAS INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSED INCREASES ARE INTENDED TO ADJUST SERVICE TO THE GROWTH IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC EXPERIENCED IN 1977. ON THE NEW YORK-CARACAS SECTOR THIS TRAFFIC INCREASED BY 21.1 PERCENT WITH AVERAGE SEAT FACTOR OF 69 PERCENT. ON THE MIAMI-CARACAS SECTOR TRAFFIC ROSE BY 74.7 PERCENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT SEAT FACTOR OF 73 PERCENT. BETWEEN GUATEMALA AND CARACAS THE INCREASE WAS 45.2 PERCENT AT 39 PERCENT SEAT FACTOR. LOS ANGELES-CARACAS AND SAN FRANCISCO-CARACAS SECTORS WITNESSED RESPECTIVE INCREASES OF 77.1 PERCENT AND 64.1 PERCENT. END FYI. VANCE

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